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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

plicants : Daniel Aeschlimann et al.

Application No. : 10/680,000

Confirmation No. : 4529

Filed: October 6, 2003

For : FUNCTIONALIZED DERIVATIVES OF HYALURONIC ACID,

FORMATION OF HYDROGELS IN SITU USING SAME, AND

METHODS FOR MAKING AND USING SAME

Group Art Unit : 1623

Examiner : Leigh C. Maier

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

New York, New York December 1, 2005

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Examiner's June 1, 2005 office action. A response was due by September 1, 2005. Applicants submit herewith a petition for three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). With the extension, a response is due by December 1, 2005.

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